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Nominations to the District Board, Tiruchirappalli, in respect of Pudukkottai area.

* 205 *Q.*—Sri N. RAJAGOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) why no nomination was made under the Act of 1949 to the District Board, Tiruchirappalli, in respect of the Pudukkottai area; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to nominate six members from Pudukkottai area to the Tiruchirappalli District Board at least now?

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI:—" (*a*) It was only in Madras Act I of 1951 that power was taken for Government to nominate members to the district boards from the merged territories concerned. Certain proposals for nominations were considered by Government, but as ordinary elections to district boards from the merged territories and other areas were due in 1952, the nominations were not proceeded with.

" (*b*) As soon as a final decision is reached on the question of postponement of elections to district boards and extending their life the question of nominations will be considered again."

Sri V. V. RAMASAMI:—" May I know, Sir, whether the present Government will consult the hon. Member, Sri A. Ramaswami Thevar, from Tiruchirappalli, if and when they consider the question of nomination to the Tiruchirappalli District Board? "

The Hon. Sri N. SANKARA REDDI:—" Sir, the Collector of the district is generally consulted and certain names have already been given by the Collector."

L.M.P. Courses.

* 206 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTHA PAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to consider the question of permitting the starting of L.M.P. courses in the State of Madras;

(*b*) whether the Homœopathic Practitioners are allowed to register themselves as Medical Practitioners;

(*c*) whether the Government will consider the question of providing teaching facilities in Homœopathy in Government institutions; and

(*d*) when the Government expect the extension and repairs to the present buildings of the Government Hospital at Udipi to be completed?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY:—" (*a*) to (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*d*) Steps will be taken to push through the work."